

January 5, 2006

The Board of Public Works & Safety met at 4:00 p.m. on the above date in the Meeting Room at City Hall Annex with Mayor Knowles presiding and members Askren and Duckworth attending. Others attending were Chief Beloit; Chief Webber; Supt. Givens; Comm. Epison; Thomas Rueger; Bryan Angel; and Jamie Grabert - Posey County News.

Mayor Knowles called the meeting to order by stating members were either mailed or hand carried copies of the minutes of their previous meeting and by asking if there were any corrections or additions. She added if not, she entertains a motion to waive their reading and to approve the minutes as presented.

Board member Askren moved the reading of the minutes be waived and they be approved as presented. Seconded by Mayor Knowles, who then stated all those in favor of the motion should signify in the affirmative; and following the vote, she reported the motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Knowles requested action on the claims presented.

Board member Askren moved the claims presented be allowed for payment. Seconded by Board member Duckworth.

Mayor Knowles stated all those in favor of the motion should signify in the affirmative; and following the vote, she reported the motion carried unanimously.

\*\*\*\*\*CLAIMS\*\*\*\*\*

Sewage \$ 5,499.48

Payroll 102,871.72

General, MVHF, Police Pension 145,492.65

Mayor Knowles stated they will now hear the reports of the Department Heads.

Supt. Givens stated along with their new permit, there are also some new and different things that have to be done, that the sewer department can not do themselves. He added he contacted a lab in Illinois, for the low level mercury testing, that former Oper. Dickman had used. He stated they will also have to have the sludge tested twice a year . He then stated that the mercury testing alone would run around \$1,500.00, and that is for testing twice a month. He also stated that since the effective date of their permit is November 1, 2005, the new testing will not need to start up until December 2006. He also stated that for \$3,280.00 a year, this firm will do all the testing for them. He added that he contacted the state, and they really do not feel is it necessary to start the testing at this time. He added that he will also have to prepare progress reports.

Supt. Givens added they currently test five days a week and that will have to be increased to seven days a week.

Mayor Knowles asked if the samplers test on their own, without assistance ?

Supt. Givens replied no, they just do the collecting and then the men at the plant run the tests. He added this will start in 24 months. He added he may need to look into purchasing new samplers, and they run between \$4,000 and \$6,000, he would four of them. He added along with this, he would need a man to come in on the weekends and run the tests.

Mayor Knowles asked if he is looking for some guidance from the Board on how to proceed ?

Supt. Givens replied yes.

Board member Duckworth asked if he said \$16,000 for two years ?

Mayor Knowles replied no, \$3,280.00 for one year and \$1,560.00 for mercury testing only. She then added that from now on, they will have to be doing sampling seven days a week.

Board member Duckworth stated Supt. Givens should do whatever he needs to to make the job easier.

Mayor Knowles stated Supt. Givens has the paperwork in order for the mercury testing, they could implement that now, it seems to be really involved. She stated they can look into doing the progress report and different types of sampling equipment.

Board member Duckworth moved Supt. Givens be allowed to get whatever he needs and proceed with the mercury and other metals testing. Seconded by Mayor Knowles, who then stated all those in favor of the motion should signify in the affirmative; and following the vote, she reported the motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Knowles asked if there were any questions ?

There were none.

St. Comm. Epison stated the garage door in the back barn needs to be fixed, the door is actually too heavy for the from. He stated he has a quote from Evansville Garage Doors, and listed them as follows:

1. Fix the door, in three to four weeks, cost of \$1,187
2. New door and frame, in stock for next week delivery, cost of \$1,790
3. A better quality new door, not in stock, cost of \$1,895

Mayor Knowles stated she has always heard that it is easier just to get new door than to try to repair an old one, which it comes to garage doors.

Board member Askren moved Comm. Epison be permitted to purchase the new door from Evansville Garage Doors at a cost of \$1,790.00. Seconded by Board member Duckworth.

Mayor Knowles stated all those in favor of the motion should signify in the affirmative; and following the vote, she reported the motion carried unanimously.

Comm. Epison then stated there was an accident with the recycle truck, the trough was hit. He stated the total damage was \$1,187 and the insurance paid less the \$1,000 deductible. He stated he has contacted Best Equipment to have them send the new trough, which the street department can install.

Mayor Knowles moved permission to purchase the trough be given. Seconded by Board member Duckworth.

Mayor Knowles stated all those in favor of the motion should signify in the affirmative; and following the vote, she reported the motion carried unanimously.

Comm. Epison stated they have a situation with the cell phone, former Comm. Gray took his with him when he went to the water department. He stated he has a person phone, which he would gladly use, if the city could possibly reimburse him for the bill.

Board member Askren stated she feels he should just get one for the street department.

Board member Duckworth agreed.

Mayor Knowles replied it is as broad as it is long.

Comm. Epison stated he has looked at back bills and they don't seem to be running any more than his personal bill, it is the same type of plan, no extra charges.

Board member Duckworth stated he and Asst. St. Comm. Miller need the phones in case of snow storms, etc.

Mayor Knowles stated but having the city reimburse him is the same thing that she does with her bill. She explained that apparently EMC was paying for her cell phone, which she thought the city had been, and when they left, they got rid of her phone, so the city now reimburses her.

Comm. Epison stated his phone bill runs \$55.00 without service charges, but he can look into getting a whole different plan for the street department, as they really are not very happy with their carrier.

Board member Duckworth moved Comm. Epison be permitted to have his cell bill reimbursed by the City, on a temporary basis. Seconded by Mayor Knowles, who then stated all those in favor of the motion should signify in the affirmative; and following the vote, she reported the motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Knowles asked if there were any questions ?

There were none.

Chief Webber stated he has no report.

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There were none.

Chief Beloit stated at the last meeting, the Board approved an unpaid leave of absence for Officer Deutsch. He stated that leave, as of today, has come and gone, and he has heard nothing from Mr. Deutsch, so, they now need to decide what to do. He added he has given the Board copies of a letter from Thomas Rueger requesting that he be reinstated. He added they really have two options here. One option, he stated, is reinstating Mr. Rueger or the other is to go through the hiring process.

Board member Duckworth stated that is expensive.

Chief Beloit agreed and added it also takes a long time due to possibly having the new hire attend the academy. He stated Mr. Rueger already is trained, he has continued on the department as a reserve officer, and he has kept his certifications up, which is good.

Board member Duckworth stated he has no problem with the request, and then moved Mr. Rueger be reinstated. Seconded by Board member Askren.

Mayor Knowles stated all those in favor of the motion should signify in the affirmative; and following the vote, she reported the motion carried unanimously.

Chief Beloit then stated January 8 is the date they have chosen for Mr. Rueger to come back and begin filling in. He added he would like this to be his date of hire.

Board member Duckworth moved January 8, 2006 be Mr. Rueger's date of hire. Seconded by Board member Askren.

Mayor Knowles stated all those in favor of the motion should signify in the affirmative; and following the vote, she reported the motion carried unanimously.

Chief Beloit continued his report by stating he has a request from Officer Boyster. He explained that he is going to the Chiefs Conference and Officer Boyster is as well, he is

requesting that the City pay his fees for attending. He added the Officer Boyster is a lifetime member of the IACP and a past president.

Board member Askren stated the City did not pay his expenses last year and she doesn't feel they should this year.

Mayor Knowles added it is great that Officer Boyster is staying active in the organization, and she is supportive of that, but feels the City should not pay for two chiefs to attend.

Chief Webber and Asst. St. Comm. Miller left the meeting.

Chief Beloit continued his report stating he has some bad news, SBC will be raising the fee on the pay phone outside the police department \$25.00 from the current \$54.00. He added since he was unaware, there was no way he could have budgeted for that and his phone line will likely go over due to the increase. He added the phone is used after hours especially and he feels they really need to keep it.

Chief Beloit then stated due to changes he made in the rank structure in the department, he would like to make the Board aware that the detective is also a sergeant, which was the position he held before coming Chief. He added he would like the Board to go on record acknowledging that.

Board member Duckworth moved it be acknowledged that the position Chief Beloit held before becoming chief was that of detective/sergeant. Seconded by Mayor Knowles, who then stated all those in favor of the motion should signify in the affirmative; and following the vote, she reported the motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Knowles asked if there were any questions ?

There were none.

Mayor Knowles stated on the Legal portion of the Agenda is action on the bids received at the last meeting for 2006 Supplies.

Clerk-Treasurer Wolfe stated she has heard nothing on those yet from Attorney Funkhouser.

Mayor Knowles suggested they table any action for now.

Mayor Knowles asked if anyone in the Audience wished to address the Board ?

There was no response.

Mayor Knowles asked if there was any Old Business ?

There was none.

Mayor Knowles asked if there was any New Business ?

There was none.

Mayor Knowles stated if there were no further business, she entertains a motion to adjourn.

Board member Askren moved the meeting be adjourned. Seconded by Board member Duckworth.

Mayor Knowles stated all those in favor of the motion should signify in the affirmative; and following the vote, she reported the motion carried unanimously and adjourned the meeting.

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Rosemary L. Knowles

Mayor

ATTEST:

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Cristi L. Wolfe

Clerk-Treasurer